#### A CONFLAGRATION.

Fire Which Started in the Hammond Packing Plant Destroyed \$500,000 Worth of Property.

Chicago, Oct. 24.-Half a million Cape route. dollars' worth of buildings and slaughtered cattle were destroyed by fire, which broke out in the plant of the C. H. Hammond Packing Co., at Hammond, Ind., Wednesday night. At midnight four buildings had toppled over in ruins, and the flames were roaring high above the dismantled walls and threatening to destroy the ten structures that remained standing. Hammond's fire department was utterly unable to handle the fire, and aid was sent from here and South Chicago.

The following buildings are in ruins: Export beef cooler, four-story brick and frame structure containing thousands head of slaughtered cattle; cold storage warehouse for cattle, beef slaughtering house and sheep slaughtering house.

Besides these half a dozen other buildings, occupied as residences by officials of the company, and a brick structure for the general offices, were also destroyed.

Four of the employes of the company were trampled upon and badly bruised by cattle that were stampeded in the yards.

One fireman was caught under a falling wall and had an arm broken. Another fireman was painfully

#### NEW ORGANIZATION.

A Movement on Foot to Combine All the Hardware Jobbing Interests of the Country.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 24.--A plan to combine the hardware jobbing interests of the country is on foot. Minneapolis firms have been approached for the purpose of getting them into the organization. It is believed that if a leading house in the United States can be brought into the combination, the success of the deal is assured.

The scheme originated with a jobber in Pittsburg, assisted principally by Boston men, who have interested some of the largest hardware wholesale dealers, as well as backers of financial standing.

The plan is to organize a company with a capital of \$100,000,000, having headquarters in New York, the company to control and manage the business of the majority of the large hardware jobbing houses.

## A CIRCULAR LETTER.

Members of the Grand Army Are Urged to Contribute to the Wm. McKinley Memorial Fund.

Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 24.-Commander-in-Chief Ell Torrence has issued a circular letter asking contributions for the purpose of erecting at Canton, O., memorial to Comrade William McKinley.

The memorial is to be in the highest sense the sincere expression of the love of the people for President McKinley and of their admiration for the qualities expressed so eminently in his life and deeds. Such a memorial, it is urged, will appeal strongly to his former comrades in arms. Members of the G. A. R. are urged to contribute to the fund. Contributions should be forwarded to Kyerson Ritchie, secretary, Cleveland, O. In due time souvenir certificates will be issued to donors.

# A MANIA FOR MURDER.

No Less Than 20 Negroes Killed By Other Negroes in Vicinity of Selma, Ala. in Last Two Weeks.

Selma, Ala., Oct. 24.-A mania for murdering each other seems to have broken out among the Negroes who live in the counties surrounding Selma, wherein the last two weeks there have not been less than 20 Negroes killed by other Negroes. Three were reported Wednesday, one being near Brown's Station, where a Negro man met his paramour in the cotton field, pulled out a knife and stabbed her through the heart. The other two occurred on South Side, where a Negro man got into a row with a Negro preacher at a protracted meeting and called the preacher out of the church. When on the outside they both pulled their pistols, and when the guns were empty both lay on the ground mortally wounded. They died in a few hours.

Pan-American Conference.

Mexico City, Oct. 23.-The Pan-American conference was formally opened Tuesday afternoon by Hon. Ignacio Mariscal, minister of foreign relations, who made an address. The address of Marcisal will be answered by Isaac Albeamora, vice president of Peru and delegate from that coun-

# Gen. Botha's Position.

London, Oct. 24.-A dispatch from Brussels says it is reported there that Commandant Gen. Louis Botha is encamped with 4,000 men between Wakkerstroom and Ermelo.

# Treasury Statement.

Washington, Oct. 24.-Wednesday's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,600,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$165,977,981; gold, \$101,035,485.

# Jack Mowatt Won.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 24 .- John Mowatit, of Chica, J, was given the decision over Tobby Irwin, of this city, at the end of a 15-round contest at the Reliance club, in Oakland, Wed-

#### ON SALT AND FRESH WATERS.

The Dover and Calais boats carry nearly half a million passengers a year. Australia via Suez canal is only 960 miles nearer England than it is by the

Lake Nicaragua is the largest fresh water lake between Lake Michigan and Lake Titicaca in Peru. Of 180,000,000 tons of merchandise

carried in ships each year a full quarter is coal, and 17 per cent. timber. One-tenth is grain.

All the rivers that flow into the Medterranean give it but 310,000 cubic feet of water a second. The Caspian receives 365,000 in the same time.

On account of stormy weather an Italian vessel on the way to Fiume was recently obliged to throw overboard 100 boxes of oranges and 40 barrels of

The Danube flows through countries in which 52 languages and dialects are spoken. It is also 2,000 miles in length. and bears on its current four-fifths of the commerce of eastern Europe.

The Po in north Italy is 300 miles in length. The deposits at its mouth have caused the coast to gain upon the sea so rapidly that a point which in the time of Augustus was a seaport town is now 18 miles from the Adriatic.

A writer in the Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of France concludes, after an examination of meteorological observations all over the globe, that the average annual rainfall on the continent is as follows: South America about 66 inches, Africa 32 inches, North America about 29 inches, Europe about 29 inches, Asia about 22 inches, Australia about 21 inches.

### ON OTHER CONTINENTS.

Paraguay is to be added soon to the list of coffee-growing countries. There are now about a million plants in the nurseries.

The natives of the east coast of Africa have a species of cymbal exactly resembling in shape the dumbbells used by athletes. They are played in pairs, one in each hand, and violently smitten together.

Most of Morocco is "more oriental than the orient itself," but Tangier has become modernized so much, and so many Christians live there, that it is at eady regarded as unclean by the Moors. It has telephones and electric lights.

Davos, situated among the Alps, 3,000 feet above the level of the sea has become the most popular place in Europe for winter sports, such as skating, tobogganing, curling, skiing, etc. The season generally excends from the middle of November until the middle of March, and last year there were 96 days 6f skating.

The Jews are still getting into Palestine in spite of every obstacle put in their way. They are now said to number nearly half the population of Palestine; that is, about 100,000. The Jews do not take to Arabic. They either speak German, French or English, besides the colloquials of the country from which they have emi-

# STATISTICAL SHREDS.

Only 12 men in 100 have dark eyes, as compared with 20 women.

Well-seasoned red hickory weighs 52.37 pounds to the cubic foot.

Russia is 78 times bigger than Italy, the United States 32 times as

There are to-day 700 shipbuilding yards in the world, against 50 a cen-An African negro's brain measures

96 cubic inches; that of a white man, Seven-year-old tea-plants yield four ounces of leaves apiece, or 700 pounds

of ten to the acre.

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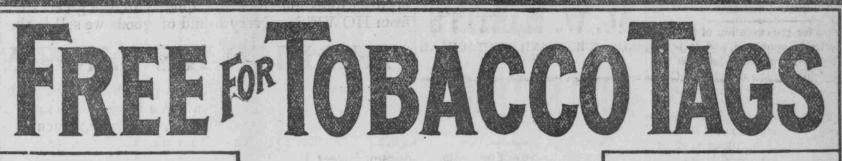
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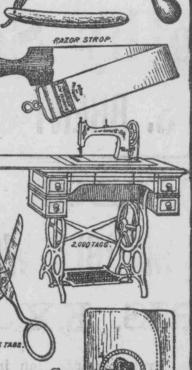
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